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SUBJECT: KENITRA TRIAL

REF: RABAT 4169

1. SCHOLARLY MEMBER OF UNFP GAVE EMBOFF FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING FATE PERSONS ACQUITTED AT KENITRA TRIAL DURING CONVERSATION SEPTEMBER 7. HE SAID THERE GENERAL CONSTERNATION IN PARTY OVER DISAPPEARANCE OF THOSE ACQUITTED, WHICH HAD NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE IN MOROCCAN HISTORY TO BEST HIS KNOWLEDGE AND WHICH INEXPLICABLE. HE HAD HEARD STORY THAT ACTION TAKEN ON ORDERS OF KING, WHO ENRAGED AT REPORT THOSE ACQUITTED HAD, ON PRONOUNCEMENT OF VERDICT, STOOD UP AND SUNG PATRIOTIC SONG WHICH IDENTIFIED WITH OPPOSITION TO REGIME. THIS STORY HAD JUST BEEN CONFIRMED TO HIM BY MUTUAL ACQUAINTANCE WHO HAS PALACE CONNECTIONS. HE HAD ALSO HEARD STORY THAT THERE ALLEGATIONS THOSE ON TRIAL HAD BEEN CONFECTING ANOTHER PLOT, BUT FOUND IT DIFFICULT BELIEVE THEY COULD DO SO IN PRISON.

2. ACCORDING SOURCE, PRISONERS WERE TRFNSPORTED FROM KENITRA BY TRUCK AND TRAILED BY MEMBER OF UNFP AS FAR AS AREA
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NEAR HILTON HOTEL IN RABAT, WHERE PARTY MEMBER FRIGHTENED

OFF BY NUMBER OF POLICE AND TROOPS IN EVIDENCE. PARTY
ASSUMED MEN BEING HELD SOMEWHERE IN VICINITY RABAT.
PARTY HAD GONE TO MINISTER OF JUSTICE, PROCUREUR DU ROI,
AND PRESIDENT OF TRIAL COURT, ALL OF WHOM DENIED ANY
KNOWLEDGE OF REASONS FOR POLICE ACTION OR WHERE PRISONERS
BEING HELD. LAWYERS WHO DEFENDED THOSE ACQUITTED AFRAID
TO MAKE ISSUE OF THEIR CLIENT'S FATE BECAUSE THEY UNDER
IMPRESSION IT IS KING HIMSELF WHO ORDERED POLICE TO
CONTINUE KEEP PRISONERS IN DETENTION.

3. COMMENT: ARBITRARY CONTINUED DETENTION THOSE ACQUITTED
MAY REFLECT DISARRAY WITHIN GOM LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY,
BUT MORE LIKELY BE RESULT ROYAL INITIATIVE.
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